



Wally's Wetland Woes



Wally loved his home by the beach. He spent hours playing in the water, collecting shells and catching hermit crabs and snails that lived at the waters edge.



Unfortunately Wally and his family were unable to see the ocean from their house because big trees and mangroves blocked their view.



So one day Wally and his Dad decided that they would chop down the big trees and clear the mangroves in front of their house.



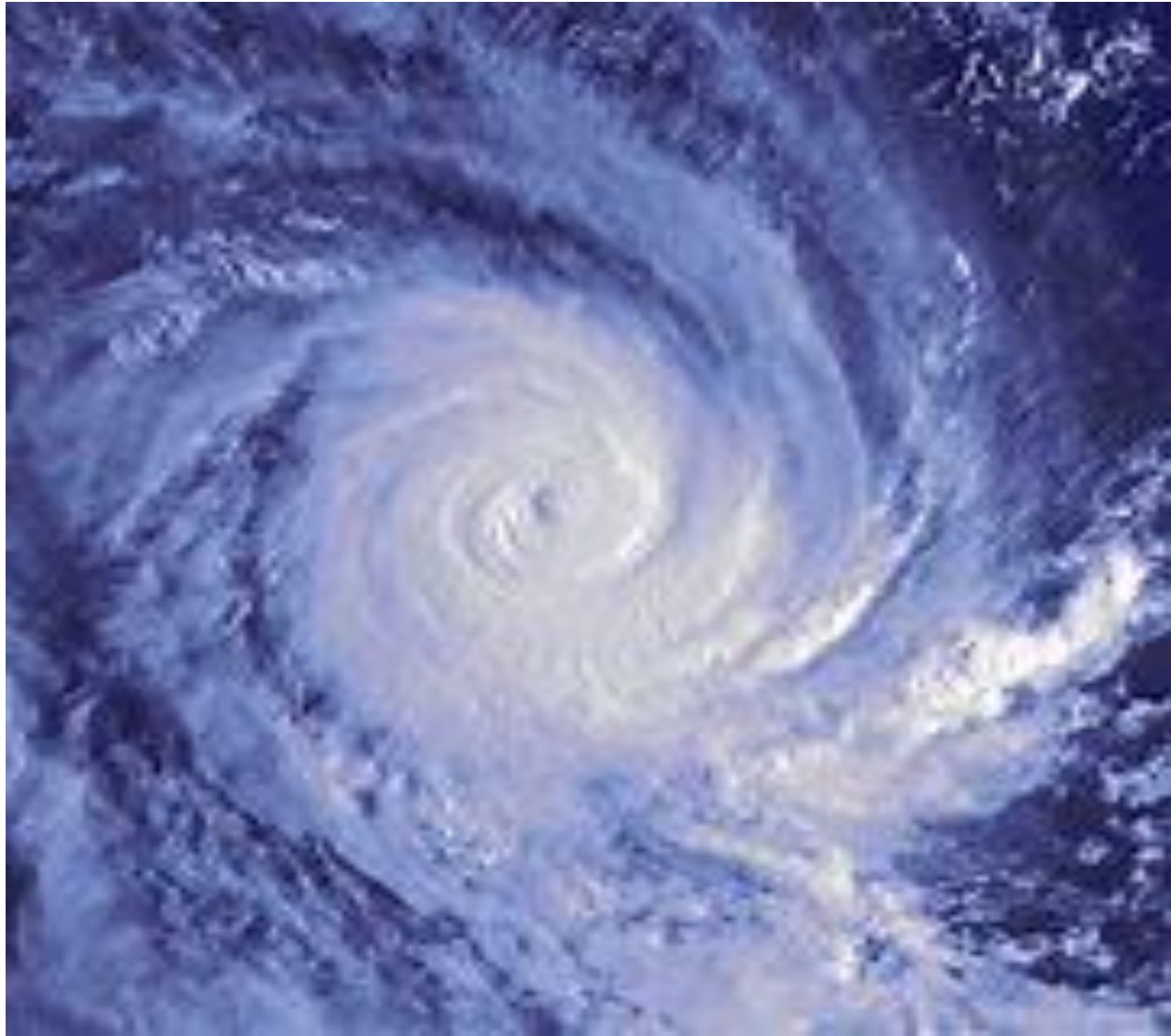
The view of the ocean from Wally's room was amazing. He could see all of the beach and all the way to the islands. He could even feel the breeze that swept over the ocean and straight into his bedroom.



Unfortunately when Wally went down to the beach. He could no longer see any birds that nested in the trees. He also could not find any crabs and snails that once lived in the mangroves. Wally decided that the beach was no longer a fun place to play as the animals had all moved away.



Then the big grey clouds started rolling in and the wind got stronger. Wally's Dad told him about a big cyclone that was coming. His Dad told him to not worry about the house because it had survived a lot of cyclones.



**Wally and his family
decided to move into
the cyclone shelter
during the storm.**

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Once the cyclone had past, Wally and his family were allowed to return home. Unfortunately they no longer had a home to return to. Their house was completely wrecked by the big waves from the storm surge. All of their gardens were also destroyed. Where there was once grass and Wally's swing set, there was now nothing but exposed dirt and sand.



When the insurance man came to assess their place he said that it was a shame that they didn't have mangroves and trees along the shore as they would have formed a barrier to protect their property from erosion by the waves.



Wally's family decided to rebuild their house. They also decided that it was necessary to replant the trees and mangroves they had removed. So maybe when the next big storm comes, they might still have a house to return to.



And if Wally was really lucky, maybe the birds, crabs and snails would return to the beach.

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Picture 1-Mangrove Forest Beach

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Picture 2- Boy holding a hermit crab

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Picture 3- Trees blocking view of beach

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Picture 4- Man chopping down tree

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Picture 5- Beach through a window

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Picture 6- Beach

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Picture 7- Dark clouds

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Picture 8-Cyclone

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Picture 9- House that was ruined by a cyclone

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Picture 10- Insurance man assessing house damage

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Picture 11- Man planting trees

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Picture 12- Crabs

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